

09/528,952
Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/528,952	SCALART ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Lun-See Lao	2643	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 03-20-2000.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Rupp, Brian, on January 6, 2005.
3. The Drawing has been amended as follows:

Figures 1-2 should be designated by a legend such as "prior art".

See the attached examiner's amendment page 4-5.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-24 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708.

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Introduction

1. This is response to the Application 09/528,952 filed on 01-05-2004. Claims 1-24 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-24 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-8, Applicant's prior art teaches an adaptive identification method for estimating a response of a system to an input signal, comprising the steps of:

receiving the input signal (see fig.1, X_t) and an observation signal (b_t), whereby the observation signal has a component consisting of said response to the input signal ;
determining an error signal e_t at an instant t according to as $e_t = Y_t - X_t^T H_{t-1}$, (specification page 2, equation 1) , where y_t denotes a value of the observation signal (b_t) at the instant t, H_{t-1} is a column vector made up of L coefficients of a identification filter having a finite impulse response representative of an impulse response of the system, and $X_t^T = (x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots x_{t-L+1})$ is a row vector made up of the values $x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots x_{t-L+1}$ of the input signal at the instant t and at L-1 preceding instants(see specification page 1 line 13-page 2 line 26);

obtaining prediction parameters of the input signal, whereby an energy of a prediction residue on successive frames of the input signal is minimized (see specification page 1 line 13-col.2 line 26).

However, the prior of record fails to teach that adapting the L coefficients of the identification filter by adding to the column vector H_{t-1} , a column vector proportional to

$\frac{e_t}{X_t^T U_t + \lambda} U_t$, where U_t is a column vector made up of L values of the prediction residue of the input signal at the instant t and at the L-1 preceding instants, and λ , is a positive or zero coefficient. These limitations, in combination with the remaining limitation of claims 1-8, are not taught nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Regarding claims 9-16, Applicant's prior art teaches an adaptive identification device for a system to which an input signal is applied, comprising:

- a first input for receiving the input signal (see fig.1, X_t) ;
- a second input for receiving an observation signal (b_t) having a component consisting of a response of the system to the input signal ;
- an identification filter (18) having a finite impulse response representative of an impulse response of the system ;
- a subtractor (20) producing an error signal by subtracting from the observation signal the input signal filtered by the identification filter, wherein the error signal e_t produced by the subtractor (20) at an instant t is expressed as $e_t = Y_t - X_t^T H_{t-1}$, (specification page 2, equation 1), where y_t denotes a value of the observation signal at the instant t, H_{t-1} is a column vector made up of L coefficients of the

identification filter(18), and $X_t^T = (x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-L+1})$ is a row vector made up of the values $x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-L+1}$ of the input signal at the instant t and at L-1 preceding instants(see specification page 1 line 13-page 2 line 26);

means for obtaining prediction parameters from the input signal, whereby the energy of a prediction residue on successive frames of the input signal is minimized (see specification page 1 line 13-page 2 line 26).

However, the prior of record fails to teach that means for adapting the coefficients of the identification filter by adding to the column vector H_{t-1} a column vector proportional to $\frac{e_t}{X_t^T U_t + \lambda} U_t$, where U_t is a column vector made up of the L values of the prediction residue of the input signal at the instant t and at the L-1 preceding instants, and n , is a positive or zero coefficient. These limitations, in combination with the remaining limitation of claims 9-16, are not taught nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Regarding claims 17-24, Applicant's prior art teaches an adaptive echo canceller for removing echo components of a direct signal from a return signal, comprising

- a first input for receiving the direct signal (see fig.1, X_t) ;
- a second input for receiving the return signal (b_t) ;
- an identification filter (20) having a finite impulse response representative of an echo component generation in the return signal ;
- a subtractor (20) producing an error signal as an output signal of the echo canceller, by subtracting from the return signal the direct signal filtered by the identification filter,

wherein the error signal e_t produced by the subtractor (20) at an instant t is expressed as $e_t = Y_t - X_t^T H_{t-1}$, (specification page 2, equation 1), where y_t denotes a value of the return signal at the instant t , H_{t-1} is a column vector made up of L coefficients of the identification filter, and $X_t^T = (x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots x_{t-L+1})$ is a row vector made up of the values $x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots x_{t-L+1}$ of the direct signal at the instant t and at $L-1$ preceding instants (see specification page 1 line 13- page 2 line 26) ;

means for obtaining prediction parameters from the direct signal, whereby the energy of a prediction residue on successive frames of the direct signal is minimized (specification page 1 line 13-page 2 line 26).

However, the prior of record fails to teach that means for adapting the coefficients of the identification filter by adding to the column vector H_{t-1} a column vector proportional to $\frac{e_t}{X_t^T U_t + \lambda} U_t$, where U_t is a column vector made up of the L values of the prediction residue of the direct signal at the instant t and at the $L-1$ preceding instants, and λ , is a positive or zero coefficient.

These limitations, in combination with the remaining limitation of claims 17-24, are not taught nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure. Gay (US PAT. 5,428,562), Scalart (US PAY.5,734,715), Makino (US PAT. 5,408,530), Walker (US PAT. 5,570,423) and Ding (US PAT. 6,788,785) are cite to show other the adaptive identification method and device, and adaptive echo canceller implementing such method.

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FIG. 1

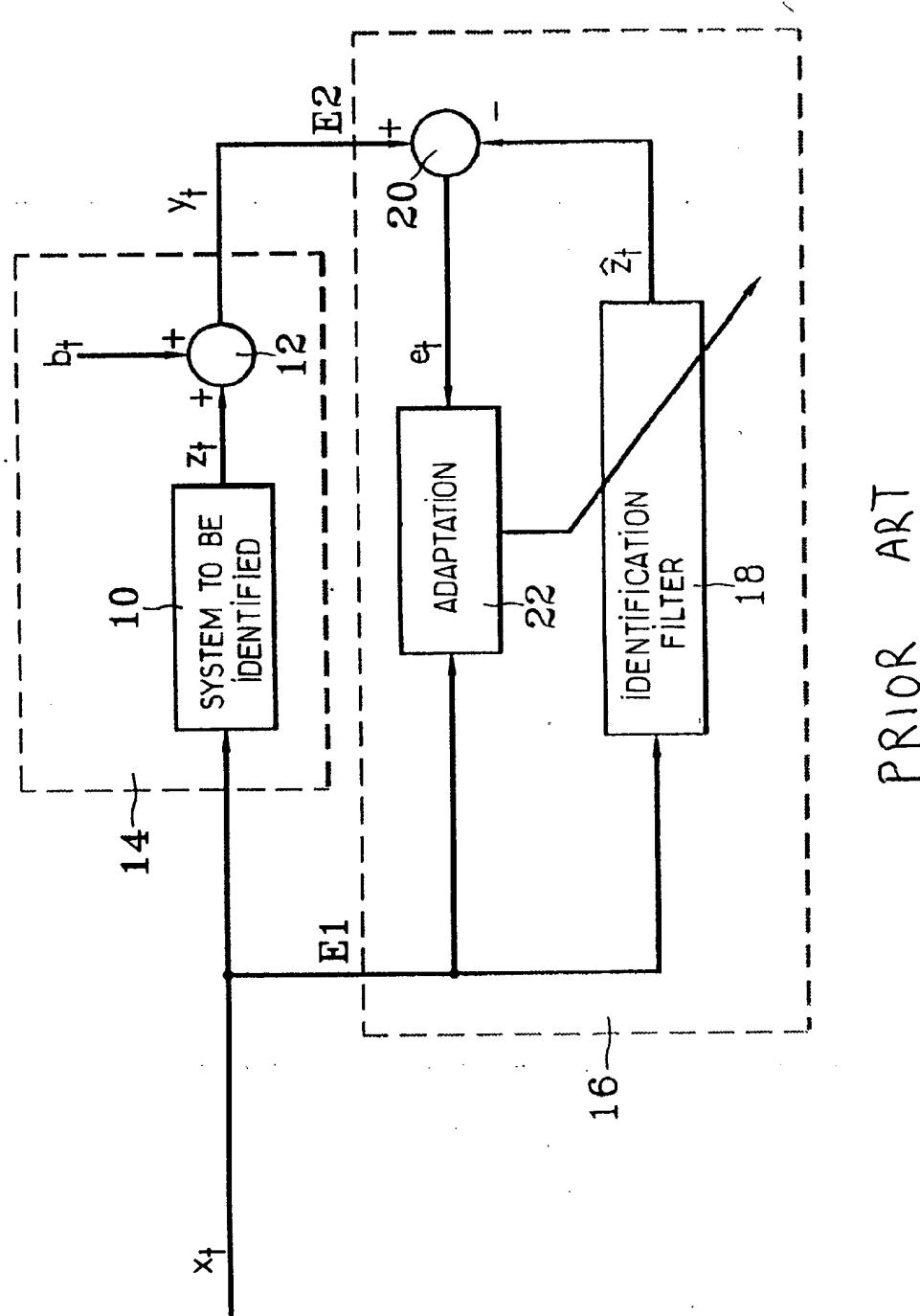
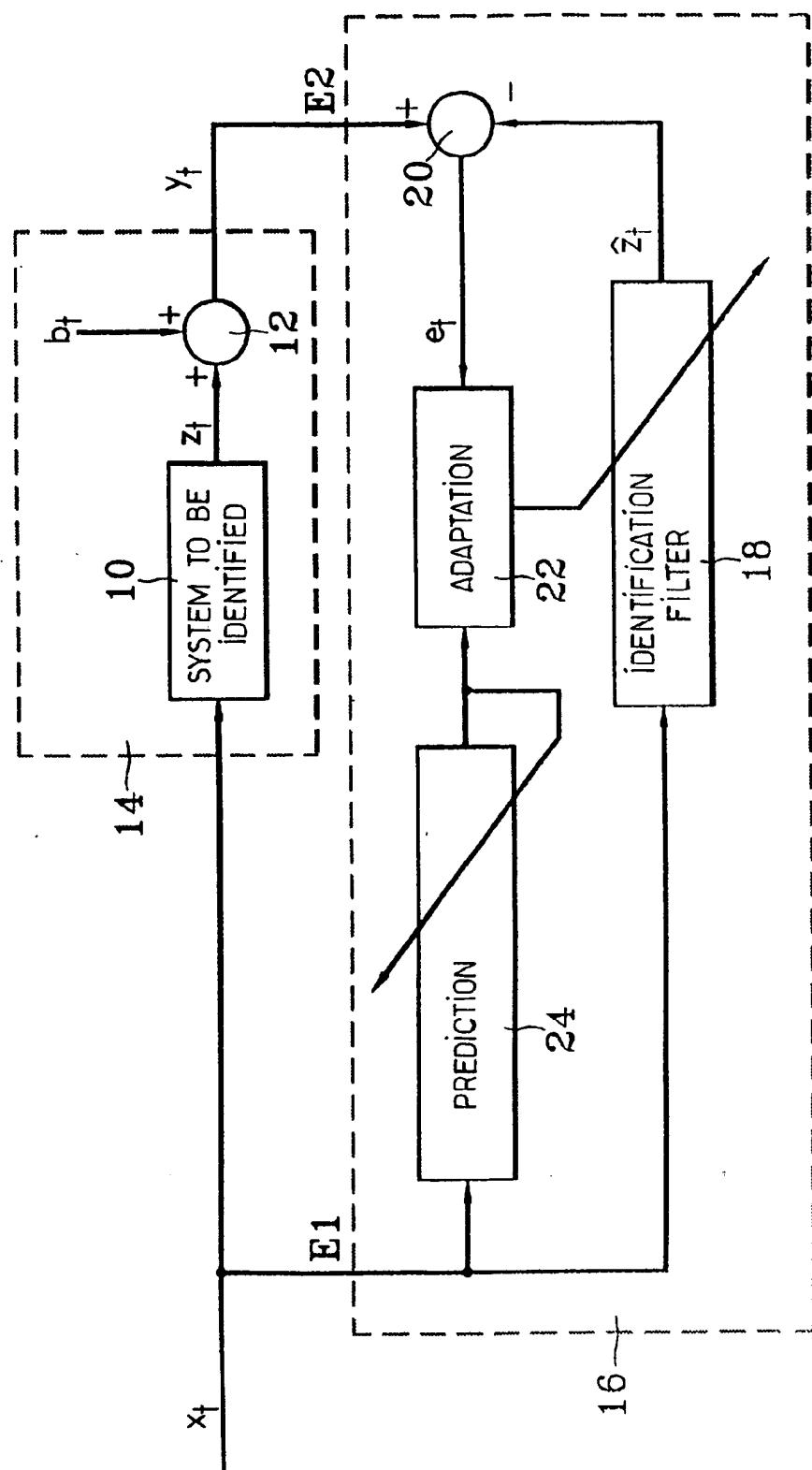


FIG. 2



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